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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a one-month extension of time is hereby requested to respond to the Office Action dated July 25, 2003, i.e., up until November 25, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for a large entity pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is enclosed for the requisite fee.

If any additional fees are due or any overpayment has been made, please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 08-2461 for such sum.

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